



**TRANSPORTATION. DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING MOTOR  
VEHICLE SALES AND USE TAX. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 51**

*Yes on 51 for Safe Roads, Safe School Buses and Congestion Relief!*

YES ON 51 dedicates EXISTING automobile sales taxes to fixing serious highway safety problems and severe traffic congestion. For too long, critical transportation and school bus safety matters have been pushed aside by special interests in the State Capitol.

YES ON 51 requires the use of EXISTING state funds to:

- Relieve traffic congestion and make safety improvements to California's most accident-prone roads.
- Improve school bus safety, and provide safe routes for children walking or biking to school.
- Make road improvements that assist police, fire and ambulance emergency teams and protect highway workers.
- Reduce oil and gas pollution from roads and streams.
- Strengthen bridges to prevent earthquake damage.
- Improve public transit to reduce traffic on roads and to improve mobility for seniors and the disabled.

YES ON 51 IS SUPPORTED BY:

- School Transportation Coalition.
- Partners for Highway Safety.
- The Transit Coalition.
- California Safe Kids Network.
- California Organization of Police and Sheriffs (COPS).

YES ON 51 INCLUDES STRICT TAXPAYER SAFEGUARDS that:

- Forbid using any state education funds for this measure.
- Limit administrative expenses to 2%.
- Mandate Annual Audits and an Oversight Committee.
- Do NOT raise taxes one cent!

These Strict Taxpayer Safeguards ensure Prop. 51 funds will be spent ONLY as promised and without waste.

YES ON 51 MEANS SAFER ROADS. "YES ON 51 specifically funds improvements to California's most dangerous roads, bridges and intersections."—*Partners for Highway Safety*

YES ON 51 MAKES SCHOOL BUSES SAFER. "YES ON 51 will replace thousands of school buses which do not meet federal

safety and pollution standards, so kids can ride to school in safety."—*California Association of School Transportation Officials*

YES ON 51 RELIEVES CONGESTION. "Prop. 51 will relieve California's worst traffic congestion areas, improving traffic flow and making highways safer. Traffic is getting worse every day. We must do something now to reduce congestion."—*Planning and Conservation League*

YES ON 51 CLEANS OUR WATER. "Road oil and grease pollute our water. Prop. 51 reduces water pollution, protecting people and wildlife."—*National Wildlife Federation*

YES ON 51 GETS KIDS TO SCHOOL SAFELY. "Prop. 51 will improve walk path and bike path safety on routes to school, and provides clean air school buses to protect children's health."—*California School Nurses Organization*

YES ON 51 IMPROVES AIR QUALITY. "Prop. 51 reduces air pollution by improving public transit. Cleaner air means healthier lungs for everyone and fewer childhood asthma attacks and other diseases."—*American Lung Association of California*

YES ON 51 HELPS SENIORS AND THE DISABLED. "Prop. 51 expands safe and affordable transit services for seniors and the disabled, allowing those who cannot drive to continue to live independently."—*Resources for Independent Living*

YES ON 51 IMPROVES EMERGENCY RESPONSE. "Prop. 51 will make specific road improvements that assist police, firefighters, paramedics and emergency response personnel in reacting quickly in a crisis to save lives."—*California Organization for Police and Sheriffs*

Learn more: [www.voteyesonprop51.org](http://www.voteyesonprop51.org)

YES ON PROPOSITION 51!

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**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 51**

Does anyone still believe there is a free lunch?

The proponents of Proposition 51 apparently think so.

Their list of pork barrel, special interest projects totaling billions of dollars apparently will come from "existing funds."

Well, Proposition 51 will add about \$1 billion yearly to a significant state deficit predicted by the Legislative Analyst for years to come.

So, "use of existing funds" means one of two things: either critical spending, like public safety or higher education, is cut.

Or, taxes will have to be raised.

There is no free lunch.

Ask yourself these questions before you vote on Proposition 51:

With ongoing budget deficits, should your tax dollars be spent to build paths for golf carts at Leisure World? That spending is LOCKED into Prop. 51.

With ongoing budget deficits, should the state fund freeway interchanges for developers who paid to put Prop. 51 on the ballot? A freeway interchange for a campaign contributor

proposing a large development in LA County is LOCKED into Prop. 51.

Do you think taxes should be raised or programs cut to build and maintain museums and a music concourse? Or should private funds pay for these luxury projects? Prop. 51 REQUIRES taxpayer spending on these projects.

Do you think priorities for your tax dollars should be determined by special interests which *receive* your tax dollars? Prop. 51 has numerous projects which benefit specific contributors.

Say no to this "pay to play" scheme. Don't add \$1 billion yearly to the deficit. Vote NO on 51!

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